

# Red River Parish



*"Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community"*

**Healthy People 2010**

## Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Red River	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
<b>ECONOMICS, 2000</b>				
% All persons in poverty	29.9%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	40.5%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	11.9%	7.3%	5.8%	--
<b>EDUCATION 2002-2003</b>				
School Expenditure per Student	\$8,133	\$6,906	--	--
% Student Attendance (of total student days available)	0.9%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	14.8%	7.0%	--	--
<b>MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002</b>				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	14.3	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	82.7%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	71.0%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	9.0%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	20.7%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	0.0%	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	914.6	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	540.4	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
<b>LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Heart	291.6	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	208.3	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	83.3	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	72.9	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	83.3	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	0.0	37.9	43.3	--
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003</b>				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	6.6	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	3.2	2.1	1.5	0.8
<b>HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004</b>				
	<b>Region 7</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>HP 2010</b>
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	22.0%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI > 30 (adults 20+)	27.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	70.8%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	82.7%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	68.3%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

### Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

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Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA = Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

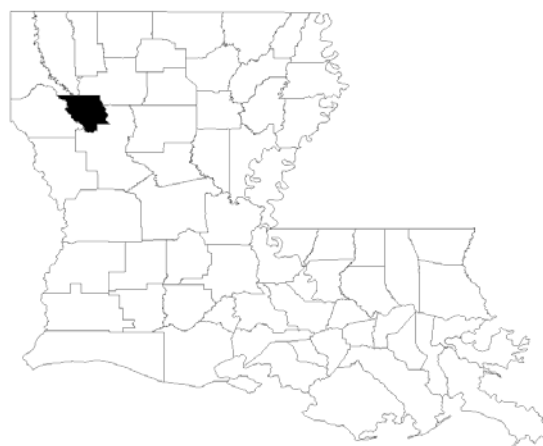
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Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

**History<sup>1 2</sup>**

Red River Parish was created by the State Legislature on March 2, 1871, from portions of Natchitoches, DeSoto and Bienville parishes and named for the Red River which flows through the length of the parish. Coushatta was incorporated and made the parish seat in 1871. The name Coushatta is from a tribe of the Creek Indian Nation that once inhabited the area. Lake End and East Point were the sites of early trading posts and boat landings associated with plantations. The Coushatta City Park offers a number of recreational opportunities. There is also a public boat launch site on Red River which is open and free of charge. The Christmas Celebration and the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree takes place in Coushatta, on the second Saturday in December. The Lignite Festival is held the first Saturday in May.



**Parish Seat<sup>3</sup>** ..... Coushatta

**Major Cities** (population over 5,000)

N/A

**Parish Population<sup>4</sup>**

2000..... 9,622

2003 (estimate) .....9,524

**2000 Population by Race**

White..... 57.9%

African-American ..... 40.9%

Some other race..... 1.2%

Hispanic of Latino (of any race) ..... 1.0%

**2000 Population by Age**

Under 5 years ..... 7.5%

5-14 ..... 16.6%

15-17 ..... 6.0%

18-19 ..... 3.2%

20-24 ..... 6.1%

25-64 ..... 46.3%

65 & over ..... 14.4%

**Geography and Statistics<sup>5</sup>**

Average elevation ..... 145ft.

Land area in square miles .....389

Water area in square miles .....13.5

**Climate**

## Average temperatures

Annual .....	66°
January .....	49°
July .....	82°
Annual average rainfall .....	66 inches

**Labor Force (2001)<sup>6</sup>**

## Red River Parish

Civilian.....	3534
Employed .....	3083
Unemployed.....	451
Unemployment.....	12.8%

## Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed .....	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate .....	4.8%

**Colleges/Universities** (within one hour commute)

- Bossier Parish Community College
- Centenary College
- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Shreveport
- Southern University and A&M College, Shreveport
- Northwestern State University

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